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On 9, 11, and 14 October 1954, Soviet naval vessels were seen in the harbor of Kronshtadt. The following details were obtained:

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Class	Type	Date	Time	Berth	Remarks
submarines	?	9 October	1300	medium harbor basin, north side	Five submarines of the same type, of an estimated 500 to 600 tons; no armament determined on deck; rounded conning tower; a triangular box seemed to be mounted on the bow.
submarine lifting craft	KOMMUNA	9 October	1300	west side of medium harbor basin at pier; moored to pier at stern	-
cruiser	SVERDLOV	9 October	1300	medium harbor basin at dry dock	-
torpedo boats (?)	?	9 October	1300	medium harbor basin at dry dock; moored with stern to pier side by side	Length approx. 80 meters; inclined stem; 2 stacks; a gun behind shield on fore'sle; angular bridge superstructures with far-reaching bridge wings; trailing edge of bridge, pole mast with yard; deck aft of bridge sloping; the first stack close to the bridge, not higher than bridge; aft of first stack on deck, torpedo mountings; second stack, somewhat smaller than the first, above superstructures amidships; deck superstructures around second stack extended as far as border of midship - quarterdeck; on superstructures aft of second stack, several AA guns; two guns with shield, mounted one behind the other, on quarterdeck; square stern.

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Class	Type	Date	Time	Berth	Remarks
2 sail-training ships	four-masted barks	9 October	1300	medium harbor basin, moored with stern to west side of pier	Painted grey.
battleship	GANGUT	9 October	1300	medium harbor basin, north side	-
floating crane	-	9 October	1300	berthed near cruiser	Deadweight capacity estimated at 30 to 40 tons.
3 torpedo	?	9 October	1300	medium harbor basin at dry dock; partially covered by cruiser	Length approx. 90 meters; 2 stacks; a gun with shield on foc'sle; box bridge; deck aft of bridge sloping; first stack somewhat spaced from bridge; between bridge and first stack, a pole mast with yard.
submarine lifting craft	KOMMUNA	11 October	1130	medium harbor basin, same berth as on 9 October	-
auxiliary vessel	KOMSOMO-LETS	11 October	1130	medium harbor basin, moored with stern to west side of pier	-
submarines	?	11 October	1130	submarine port	No armament on deck; heavily rounded conning tower; rather square bow; estimated size: 500 tons.

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Class	Type	Date	Time	Berth	Remarks
torpedo boat	?	11 October	1130	at the large pier in the medium section of medium harbor basin, moored with stern to west side of pier	Length approx. 80-90 meters; inclined stern; short foc'sle, with gun behind shield; box bridge with far-reaching bridge wing; range finder on bridge; pole mast at trailing edge of bridge, anchored at first stack; deck aft of bridge sloping; first stack close to bridge; between first and second stack, one or two mountings; the second stack appeared somewhat shorter and bigger than first stack; it was surrounded by deck superstructures; aft of second stack, several AA guns on superstructures; 2 guns with shield, arranged one behind the other, on the quarterdeck; square stern.
cruiser	SVERDLOV	11 and 17 October	1130	medium harbor basin, dry dock	When ship returned from Leningrad, welding work was done aboard.
battleship	GANGUT	11 October	1130	same berth as on 9 October	-
2 sail-training ships	four-masted barks	11 October	1130	same berth as on 9 October	-
3 torpedo boats	?	11 October	1130	same type and berth as on 9 October	The ship's side below the bridge was sloping.
2 speed boats	?	11 October	1130	north-west side of pier to old naval port	Length 15-20 meters; no armament, no torpedo tubes; flat, open bridge; companion way on quarterdeck;

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Class	Type	Date	Time	Berth	Remarks
cruiser	SVERDLOV	14 October	1600	same berth as on 9 and 11 October	-
torpedo boat	?	14 October	1620	same berth as on 11 October	was berthed at the same pier at which and six other boats were berthed on 9 October.
speed boats	?	14 October	1600	same berth as that of two speed boats on 11 October	Same type as that of speed boats on 11 October
torpedo boat	?	14 October	1600	at anchor in middle of medium harbor basin	Length 75-80 meters; 2 stacks; between stacks, apparently torpedo mountings; one gun with shield on foc'sle; two guns with shield, arranged one behind the other, on quarterdeck.
auxiliary vessel	KMSOMO-LETS	14 October	1600	same berth as on 11 October	-
submarines	?	14 October	1600	same berth as on 9 October	-
merchant ships	?	14 October	1600	at southern mole in medium harbor basin	Appeared to have entered harbor because of storm.
3 torpedo boats	?	14 October	1600	same type and berth as on 11 October	-

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Class	Type	Date	Time	Berth	Remarks
2 four-masted barks	sail- training ships	14 October	1600	same berth as on 11 October	-
battleship	GANGUT	14 October	1600	same berth as on 11 October	-
cruiser	MUENSTER	14 October	1600	west pier of medium harbor basin, par- tially covered by battleship	-
4 submarines	?	14 October	1600	west section of submarine port	

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